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City of Leesburg Recreation and Parks Department

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Youth Leagues

Parents "PAYS" Class

It is mandatory that all parents of children in our sports programs to watch the PAYS video. If you need to schedule an appointment please contact the Recreation & Parks Department. You can also watch this online at www.nays.org. Fee: \$7.00.

Fast Pitch Girls Babe Ruth Softball



Girls ages 6-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16. Age cutoff date is Jan 1, 2007. Team placement will be Feb 19th and 21st, 6pm at the Sleepy Hollow Complex. Practices and games will be held on Tues, Thurs, & Sat. Teams will be traveling on Sat to games. Practice will begin Mar 5th and games will begin TBA. Registration will

be Jan 2nd–Feb 16th. Fee: \$25.00 (includes uniform & equipment).

Cheerleading Squads



Girls ages 6-12. Age cut off date Oct 31, 2006. They will be cheering for the Youth Tackle Football League. Practice begins the week of Oct 13th and games will begin the week of Oct 30th at 6pm. Practice will be held at the Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex. Registration dates are Sept 1st – Oct 13th. Fee: \$25.00

Senior Soccer

Girls & Boys ages 10-12. Age cutoff date is Dec 31st. Games will be played at Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex, Tues & Thurs beginning Nov 28th. Registration will be Sept 18th–Oct 20th. Fee: \$25.00

World Cup Soccer

Girls & Boys ages 13-15. Age cutoff date is Dec 31st. This program is designed for boys and girls who enjoy having a good time with their friends playing soccer. Practices will be on Mon & Wed beginning Jan 8th, at Susan Street Complex. Registration will be Nov 27th–Jan 5th. Fee: \$25.00.



Junior Tackle Football



Ages 9-11, weight 50-100lbs. Age cutoff is Oct 31st. This league is designed to teach the basics of football to include passing, blocking, catching, team unity and of course FUN. Practice

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Adult Leagues

Adult Golf League

This will consist of three–6 week sessions; each 4 member team will play 9 holes in a scramble format. There is a \$30.00 team fee needed prior to signing up for this league. Team names are encouraged. Post season awards & banquet will be held after each session. An effort will be made to accommodate singles. Tee off time will be anytime be-



tween 4:30pm and 6:00pm on Tues. The 1st session will begin May 16th. Each session will be played at a different course, please call to find out which courses we will be playing.

Shuffleboard

The shuffleboard courts are open on Tues & Fri



from 12:00pm – 3:00pm. Contact Jerry Schultz at 787-3817 for more information.

Men's Winter Slow-Pitch Softball League

Minimum age is 16. Manager's meeting Mon, Dec 4th, 6pm at the Recreation & Parks Department. Season starts week of Jan 15, 2007. Games will be on Tues. and Thurs. at Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex. Player fees are \$20.00 per player and a \$100.00 team fee.

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tices will be played on Mon & Wed at Susan Street Complex, beginning Oct 25th. Helmets, shoulder pads, jersey & pants will be provided. Registration will be Sept 18th–Oct 20th. Fee: \$35.00 utility users & \$50.00 non-users.

Prep Football

Ages 11-13, weight 11yrs 101-160, 12yrs 95-160, 13yrs 90-160. Age cutoff



is Oct 31st. This league is designed to teach the basics of football to include passing, blocking, catching, team unity and of course FUN. Games will be played on Mon & Wed at Sleepy Hollow complex beginning Oct 23rd. Helmets, shoulder pads, jersey & pants will be provided. Registration will be Sept 18th–Oct 20th. Fee: \$35.00.

Visit us on the web at

Instructional Programs

Baton Twirling and Pom-Pom

Classes: The award winning



"Superstars of Central Florida" will be holding classes on Tues evenings at the Cultural Arts Building located at 201 East Dixie Ave. All ages are welcome and no experience necessary. Fee: \$35.00 per month and an



annual registration fee of \$30.00. For more information contact Cheri Stoffel at 360-0580.

Tennis: Private & group lessons, adult academies & junior clinics by Ted Chapman (Certified U.S.P.T.R Tennis Professional). Call 217-2793 for information and fees.



Instructors Wanted!

The City of Leesburg Recreation and Parks Department is

Camps & Clinics

Cheerleading Camp



Girls ages 9-13. This will be taught by City staff and Leesburg High School Cheerleaders. Cheers, thigh stands, and pyramids. Camp will run Mon through Thurs, the week of Oct 23rd-26th, from 6pm–8pm at the Sleepy Hollow Complex. Registration will be Sept 1st–Oct 13th. Fee: \$15.00.

Winter Break Baseball Camp



Ages 6-17. Camp will run during the Christmas holiday break at Lake Sumter Community College. Registration will be Nov 14th-Dec16th. Fee: \$40.00 utility users & \$55.00 non-users.

Winter Break Softball Clinics

Ages 6-14. Call Recreation for more info. Fee: \$15.00.

Aquatics Year Round

Venetian Gardens Pool

Aquacising: Minimum age is 16. This program that meets on Mon, Wed, and Fri from 11:15am – 12:00pm. This course offers a complete car-



diovascular workout designed to trim and tone. Participants do not need to know how to swim. For more information, contact the instructor Phyllis Rzeminski at 343-8305.c Fee: \$2.75/a day or \$25.00/mo.

Scuba Diving: (P.A.D.I. Certification) Jim Calvin of Underwater Adventures is the instructor.



All equipment is provided including mask, fins, and snorkel. Fee is \$175.00 (textbook is extra). contact Jim Calvin at 787-0760 for information.

Lap Swim: Minimum age 16. Mon thru Fri from 12:00pm – 2:00pm and Sat & Sun 10am-1pm. This swim and stay fit program provides swim



time for adults and teens. Fee is \$1.00/day or \$22.50/month.

USS Piranha Swim Team

Leesburg's competitive swim program is different from most "racing" teams. The program is based upon: teaching, effective skills, teamwork, positive



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mental attitudes, and a variety of competitive opportunities. It is a combined USA Swimming (youth college) and



United States Masters Swimming (adult) program. Coach Tye has coached hundreds of

Junior Olympic swimmers, national champions from age group to collegiate levels, numerous high school state champions and All-Americans, and over a dozen Olympians. He has also participated in aquatics at all levels—from being a collegiate national champion to adult fitness racer. Tryouts are held the 1st & 3rd Wed of each month from 4:30-5:00pm at Venetian Gardens Pool. Please see training schedule

below for training groups.

Level I—5pm-6pm—M, W, F, & Sat — \$35 per month

Level II—5pm-6pm—T, Th, F & Sat — \$35 per month



Speed—5:30pm-7:00pm—M thru Sat—\$45 per month

Elite—5pm-7pm—M thru Sat—or 6pm-7:30pm—M, W, F—\$60 per month.

Masters—5pm-7pm—M thru Sat—or 6pm-7:30pm—M, W, F—\$40 per month.

Saturday practices are 7:30–9:00 am—ALL TEAM MEMBERS.

Aquatics Seasonal

Venetian Gardens Pool

Phone 787-8018

Open Swim

All ages. The pool is still opens for weekends (Sat & Sun) from 1pm–4pm until Oct 31st. Fee: \$1.00/person all ages or \$22.50/month.

American Red Cross Basic Water Rescue

No minimum age required. The purpose of this course is provide information that will help people increase safety and healthier in, on, and around the water. Course



time is approximately 5 hours. The majority of this course is held in a classroom. This course meets HRS requirements for foster parents with a pool and their residence. This course is also good for youth who have completed Level VII of the Learn to Swim program and wish to continue their training. Fee: \$25.00 per family (includes book) from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Register the Wed before the session you wish to attend.

Session 9, Sat, Sept 16th.

Session 10, Sat, Oct 14th.

Session 11, Sat, Nov 11th.

Private Swimming Lessons

Ages 3 & older. Private swim lessons will be taught September through October in our cozy & comfortable Venetian Gardens Swimming Pool by certified instructors. Since our facility is heated, we are able to offer private lessons from

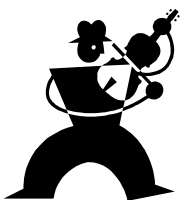


March through October. One on one instruction allows your child to work towards your desired pre-set goals. Since swimming involves learning motor skills, the instructors will work in a

repetitious fashion until your child learns & understands the skills designed for the lessons. Participants of private lessons could gear themselves for learning strokes, rhythmic breathing, or gearing them to be on a swim team. This is also a great avenue for conquering children with fears of the water, allowing them to play and swim in the pool with their friends. One session will last for two weeks (Monday-Thursday) with eight individual half-hour lessons. Sessions are set up by appointment only. Fee: \$50.00 utility users & \$65.00 non-users.

Fiddle Team USA is coming to the Recreation & Parks Department

Fiddle Team USA is proud to be working with The City Of Leesburg Recreation and Parks Dept. We are delighted to bring this one of a kind program to the residents of Lake County. Students learn valuable skills on the violin, such



as quality technique, ear training, rhythm, teamwork, scales, performance techniques, and much, much more.... And it is fun! How do you get involved? Well, first all members without previous experience will have to join the “Beginner Fiddlist Group”. Lessons for Beginners are \$65 per 4-week session. Once you learn the basics in this group, you are ready

to advance, but we will need to see you more than once week. When you advance lessons are required twice per week. (Once for a semi-private technical class and once for a Group Team Class) Lessons at this point will cost \$110. We have a Nationally growing program designed to devolve the performers of tomorrow. Sign-up today while spaces are still

available. Auditions are available for students with experience!

Ages 7-18 for youth teams, adult lessons are also available. Violins, books, and supplies are extra. Rentals are available while supplies last. Call for more information 728-9885.

Upcoming Events

ESPN Bass Tournament: Sept 9th-10th, at Venetian Gardens.

The King & His Court Farewell Tour: This is the **LAST GAME** on their Farewell Tour. Your **FINAL CHANCE** to see this amazing 4-Man Team in action. 2006 will commemorate 61 years on the road. The King, Eddie Feigner, will be honoring best friends Mickey Mantle & Roger Maris "61". The King pitched to Mantle 300+ times & Maris was a bat boy for the king. Fire Fighters will play Law Enforcement at 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Leesburg's Babe Ruth Girls State Softball Champions will play LSSC at 4:00pm to 5:30pm. The King & His Court will play The Leesburg Sting at 6:00pm. This exciting event will be taking place at historic Pat Thomas Stadium on September 9th and admission is free. All donations go to the Leesburg High School Girls Softball Program.

Halloween Parents Night Out: Ages 6-12. This is a night for parents to get some "free" time. Bring the children to the Community Building, located at 109 E. Dixie Ave., for a fun filled evening on Friday, October 27th, from 5:30pm to 10:00pm. There will be arts & crafts, games & movies, dinner will be served. Fee is \$7.00 per child.

Trick or Treat on Main Street Carnival: Saturday, October 28th, Downtown, 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Kids Carnival, Games, Rides, Live Entertainment, Costume Contest and more. For information call 365-0053.

Chili Cook Off: Saturday, November 4th, 5:00pm to 10:00pm in Towne Square, Downtown Leesburg. Chili Cook-off competition, Gated Event \$5.00 all you can eat, live entertainment, Cash beer & wine. Presented by the Leesburg Downtown Business Association for information call 326-8090.

Bass Tournament: November 16th-19th, at Venetian Gardens.

Ro-Mac Lumber-Leesburg Country MusicFest 2006: Friday & Saturday, November 17-18th in Downtown Leesburg. For information call 365-0053.

"Lights of Lake" Leesburg Main Street Christmas Stroll: Friday, November 24th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in Downtown Leesburg. Fun for the whole family, stores open for holiday shopping, hay rides, real snowy wonderland, petting zoo, Dickens Carolers, strolling jazz band, festive foods. For information call 365-0053.

"Lights of Lake" Venetian Gardens Light Up: Drive or walk through Lake County's largest holiday display featuring over 500,000 mini lights and displays. Saturday, November 25, 2006, then opens nightly through January 1, 2007.

The Main Street "Lights of Lake" Christmas Parade: Saturday, December 2 at 6pm. Parade features marching bands and lighted floats. For information call 365-0053.

Breakfast with Santa: Can you imagine having breakfast with Santa Claus? Santa is making a special trip to Leesburg, FL on Saturday, December 9th, 8:00 am at the Community Building, located at 109 East Dixie Avenue. The meal will include sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits, grits, cereal, fruits, juice, and coffee; and will be served promptly at 8:00 am. Every child will get a chance to sit on Santa's lap and have their picture taken by The Photo Shop; the first 200 children will receive a goodie bag. Tickets will be sold at the Recreation and Parks Department, we are also collecting canned goods for the Leesburg Food Bank. If you would like to participate, bring your donation by our office at the time of sign up. The deadline to purchase tickets is 4:30pm, Wednesday, December 6th. The cost for this exciting event is \$10.00 per person.

Pet Photo with Santa: Don't leave your pet out of the holiday picture. Bring your dog, cat, or other furry friend to the Leesburg Community Building for pictures with "Santa Claws". A photographer will professionally take your pet's special moment from "The Photo Place". To get involved you can call the Leesburg Recreation Department at 728-9885 to schedule an appointment time or just come by the East Room at the Leesburg Community Building from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Saturday, December 9th.

Ho Ho Ho Hotline: The Recreation and Parks Department has made special arrangements with Santa Claus to telephone your children. You know this is Santa's busiest time of the year and he has squeezed us into his schedule. Calls will be made on Monday, December 11 & Thursday, December 14th between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. If you would like your child to receive a call from "Santa", please come by our office and pick up an application form, fill it out and return it by December 8th. This is for children ages 2 to 10, special requests will be taken into consideration.

Cal Ripken & Babe Ruth Baseball & Softball Leagues: Registration for these activities will begin in early January 2007.

Bass Crappie Tournament: January 26th-27th, at Venetian Gardens.

Valentine's Parents Night Out: This is a night for parents to get some "free" time. Bring the children to the Community Building, located at 109 E. Dixie Ave., for a fun filled evening on Friday, February 9th, from 5:30pm to 10:00pm. There will be arts & crafts, games & movies, dinner will be served. Fee is \$7.00 per child.

Trash to Treasure Yard Sale: March 10th, 2007, 7:00-11:00am at the Community Building located at 109 E. Dixie Ave.

Community Picnic: March 23rd, 2007, 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Mote Morris House.